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WORLD OF RADIO #1101:
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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

Thanks to G. Hauser for all the work you've been doing on DX Listening Digest, especially your prodigious output recently during this current crisis. It's appreciated by your readers/listeners (John Townes, swprograms via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, just wanted to drop you a short line saying how much I`ve really appreciated your coverage of recent events, fantastic work, Glenn. DXLD is having a good war! Best regards and keep up the good work, (Tim Bucknall, UK) Er, tnx, but I`d rather forego the war (gh)

** AFGHANISTAN [and non]. Q. Are Commando Solo broadcasts effective?

A. I don`t know what we are broadcasting. Continues to fly and pass messages. Anecdotal reports that there are still defexions, still those changing sides. You in the press are reporting defexions between Northern Alliance and Taleban forces. That`s the ilk of this

area. Afghanistan is not so much a country as a frame of mind. These are tribes. Tribes and their leaders have allegiances allowing them to survive and flourish. When getting messages thru radios or leaflets, or seeing tactical advantages moving against them, they will do what they need to survive. We are not keeping any kind of tally (Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, Deputy Director for Operations, Joint Staff, Pentagon Briefing, Oct 23 1851 UT via CNN, paraphrased by gh for DXLD)

8700-USB: Or to own special US command operatings within Afghanistan!... It is possible at the same time to send coded signals on this frequency to their own soldiers not heard by ordinary receivers, just in case the satellite contact is destroyed. The program is not that very attractive for ordinary Afghan people, I think (Per-Ole Stenman, Jakobstad, Finland, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

Yes, guys, since yesterday the station is on a shorter sked. Maybe they record the thing and re-run the thing. Morning starts at 0030 and goes off at about 0235.

Today the 19th there was a great fade out starting around 0100 but 8700 kHz was audible, booming in. At 0100 it is 7 AM here and all the daylight paths including Udorn, Singapore, Philippines were wiped out. However, stations from the west naturally came even stronger as there was darkness on that path at 7 am here in Colombo. (Radio Marti on 15330 and the jammer were S4 which normally is S2-3. While PHT was inaudible.) So obviously 8700 was not from Udorn or somwehere East of Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka- Iranawila Txers are running at full capacity with regular programs, so, it wouldn't be IRA with one of their regular transmitters. According to the VOA/IBB web site IRA is chock a block with services. Whether they have an SSB transmitter, probably they have like most relay stations do, including DW Trinco, and would use it for a relay/back up of this nature is doubtful. A more probable place would be Diego GarcÌa and propagation is excellent from there to most parts of the world, and much better than from Colombo as observed when the hams there (USAF guys) operate, the all sea paths etc. If USAF bomber flights can take off from D Garcia why not a simple SSB relay!!

Someone even suggested that 8700 may be from the aircraft itself. Most unlikely; Afghans won't have SSB capable receivers. If 8.7 MHz must be used it could be better done from Merlin's UAE, KAV/IRA of VOA and a whole host of other places including Dushanbe, Or Tashkent and a whole lot of other former CIS stations which will put anything on for $$ something like $50 an hour.

Wolfgang, that bit of V of Shariya on 8700 was interesting. Obvious typo in their published skeds for 7080???!! Today anything is possible.

As for listening to the broadcasts of the Commando Solo in AFG itself, or picking up the radio dropped by the USAF; it`s not as simple as that. All the Taliban has to do is say those who listen to the propaganda of the enemy, the infidel and all that, and pick up such will be shot, and that's it for the majority of cases. What wouldn't the Taliban do if the VOA is even pressurized not to broadcast interviews with Bin Laden or Mullah Omar. What people in such places need to listen is not really info about US troop movements as a priority but about military action, news of the real ground situation etc.; any ceasefire or temporary stoppage of bombings so that they can go for medical help. In such a country there is a great need to travel far for general medical help, not necessarily war injuries, food, basic medicines like even an aspirin. There aren't shops that sell even such things for miles around. The general civilian life gets disrupted (understatement!) and people wait to know if they can move out. Children cry for milk and the sick and elderly groan through the nights and in fear of military action. Come winter and it is going to be hell. In that context I wonder how many of us really feel the way the Afghan civilian feels. For us is it something like war games, the thrill of radio, fade outs, music, talks, leaflets and all? On the night of the 8th I was listening to the V of Shariya on 7084, but had to move on at 1550 and when I returned at 1610 I found it gone, I knew the bombers had returned for a second night. I wouldn't like walking my feet off with my kids with a bed roll across the Khyber to Pakistan or Iran and be a nameless refugee (G.V.A. Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, Oct 19, 2001 in DXplorer-ML via CRW via DXLD)

Interesting to note: The program that was broadcast during the Special Ops action on Saturday morning seemed to be the same one that was broadcast all last week. The program that was broadcast at 0030 this morning, however, seems to be different! Same format but different song order and announcements (N. Grace-USA, Oct 21, 2001 for CRW via DXLD)

TRANSCRIPT OF ALL RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS
http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Oct2001/d20011015radio.pdf

Here is a transcript of the leaflets we are dropping on Afghanistan
http://www.cnn.com/2001/US/10/18/ret.flyers/

Radio Hints of Ground Troops
http://www.cnn.com/2001/US/10/18/ret.shepperd.am/

Psyops Radio
http://www.cnn.com/2001/US/10/17/ret.us.propaganda/index.html
(N. Grace-USA, Oct 18, 2001 for CRW via DXLD)

--- Geo-strategy in the 8700 kHz target area

1. planned strategic petroleum pipelines in Central Asia
Line 1: from Tengis (Khazakstan) through Turkmenistan and Iran, to the Persian Gulf
Line 2: from Tschardschou (Turkmenistan) through Afghanistan to Gwadar (Gulf of Oman)

2. planned strategic gas pipeline
Line 3: from Turkmenistan through Afghanistan (Kandahar and Multan) to India

3. existing strategic gas pipeline in Central Asia from Turkmenistan to Almaty and then to Xinjiang (China)
(A. Zitterbacke, Germany, Oct 23, 2001 for CRW via DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN. Taleban set up five "temporary radio stations" - Pakistani paper | Text of report by Pakistani newspaper Jang on 22 October

Chaman: The Taleban have suffered a major setback after the US commandos entered the residence of their supreme commander Mola Mohammad Omar. Expressing anger over this incident, some commanders have termed it a result of the flawed performance by the responsible commanders. Meanwhile, to counter US propaganda, the Taleban have set up five temporary radio stations. Corps commander Kandahar Mowlawi Akhtar Mohammad Osmani told Jang that the Taleban have taken vigorous steps to prevent such incidents in the future. Explosive mines have been buried at sensitive locations, including Kandahar airport, whereas suicide troops have also been appointed at various places. He said the future land attacks could be carried out from Pakistan's border; therefore, the Taleban have installed tanks, anti-aircraft guns, and thousands of Taleban at 20 points near the border. He also said that the Taleban had a clash with some unidentified attackers near the southern border, in which the Taleban defeated the attackers. He said the Taleban are ready for future attacks from this border. Sources from the information ministry in Kandahar said that at a meeting held on Sunday [21 October], a new system of faster communication between Taleban commanders has been devised which would prove to be effective and helpful for communicating Mola Omar's orders to them. Source: Jang, Rawalpindi, in Urdu 22 Oct 01 (via BBCM via DXLD) WTFK??!!

Afghanistan: Media round-up 23 October 2001

Balkh radio heard on 23 October

Radio Voice of Shari'ah of Balkh Province - the Taleban-controlled provincial radio station based in the northern city of Mazar-e Sharif - was heard broadcasting its scheduled morning transmission from 0230-0430 gmt on 23 October.

The two-hour broadcast included Koranic verses and interpretations; a report on meetings to condemn the US-led attacks, attended by elders and clerics in Balkh as well as officials of Balkh Province's health department; repeated reports from 22 October bulletins (see below); and a repeat of the commentary condemning the Russian president's talks with the ousted Afghan president in Dushanbe.

Because of technical reasons, BBC Monitoring could not confirm that Balkh radio did sign on as scheduled for its 1230-1500 gmt evening transmission on 23 October.

Balkh radio

Following are some items from the Dari/Pashto broadcasts from 1230-1500 gmt on 22 October:

- Interview with the head of Balkh Province's agriculture department on this year's autumn sowing campaign. The official talks about the distribution of improved sowing seeds and fertilizer to farmers.

- Songs in Pashto: "I am a Mojahed"; "I am a Muslim"; "I have proved to the world that I am an Afghan"; "I wish to rebuild my ruined country".

- A delegation of Balkh senior officials recently visited Dawlatabad District, Balkh Province and attended a meeting of the district's religious scholars and officials.

- A meeting was held in the Balkh governor's office to discuss issues related to the activities of NGOs in the province. "Thanks were expressed for the assistance and cooperation rendered by the NGOs."

- A Taleban official met a representative of the FAO in Balkh to discuss the distribution of (?fertilizer) to farmers.

- Meetings held in Sholtapa District condemned US attacks on Afghanistan.

- Commentary on ousted President Rabbani's visit to Tajikistan. It criticizes Rabbani for visiting Tajikistan and meeting Russian

President Putin. It says that Russia's current policy is the continuation of its past policy.

- News in Uzbek: A delegation led by the head of Balkh Province's department for agriculture had talks with the head of an international organization based in Mazar-e Sharif. The sides discussed assistance to farmers in autumn. Assistance by this organization is being distributed in Konduz, Baghlan and Samangan provinces.

- Anti-US rallies were held in Pakistan. Participants in the rallies strongly condemned the "barbaric attacks and crimes" by the US and its allies against Afghanistan. They voiced their determination to oppose the US attacks.

- An announcement by Balkh Province's Department for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice: "Kite flying by children is not a suitable activity", it is not good for families and "damages electricity cables and puts children's life in danger"; "parents are asked to discourage their children from engaging in this unsuitable activity"; "the department warns shopkeepers that selling kites is not favoured by Islam" and if the children are caught flying kites the "shopkeepers and the children's fathers will be arrested".

Kabul radio still unheard...

US-run psychological operations "Information Radio" continues...

Northern Alliance reportedly stops journalists entering from Tajikistan

A convoy of vehicles carrying more than 60 reporters heading from Tajikistan towards Afghanistan was barred at the Farkhor-Kokul checkpoint on the Tajik-Afghan border on Monday 22 October, the Russian news agency ITAR-TASS reported:

"An ITAR-TASS correspondent said from Tajikistan on Tuesday [23 October] that all the journalists were accredited in Tajikistan and had visas issued at Afghanistan's [non-Taleban] embassy in Dushanbe and other documents allowing them to cover the developments in Afghanistan.

"A spokesman for Tajik security services told ITAR-TASS that Russian border guards were investigating the incident. He said Tajikistan's Security Ministry and Russian border guards, who serve at the Tajik-Afghan border for years, have `no claims to journalists'.

"Tajikistan's Foreign Ministry and Russia's ambassador Maksim Peshkov

have been informed about the incident.

"Sources in Dushanbe told ITAR-TASS that one of the Northern Alliance's leaders, General Mohammad Fahim, knows that journalists were not allowed into Afghanistan.

"An ITAR-TASS correspondent reported from the border that Afghanistan's representative, who called himself Sayed Ahmad, came to the check-post and said `there are suspicious persons among the journalists in the column, and we are investigating this circumstance'," the ITAR-TASS report concluded.

Foreign journalists reported captured by tribesmen

As many as 30 foreign correspondents were taken hostage on 21 October by unidentified tribesmen north of Kabul as they were trying to enter the Afghan capital, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported on 22 October. The IRNA report went on:

"The Islamabad-based Pakistan Observer reported on Monday that the group of journalists had sneaked into to Afghanistan from the Uzbekistan border in connivance with Northern Alliance forces.

"The newspaper said they are reported to have crossed the Alliance-controlled areas without any major difficulty, but fell prey to the tribesmen who control the north of Kabul, little short of the Taleban front lines.

"The journalists include war correspondents from the USA, Britain, Russia, Germany, Middle East and France, the paper added.

"The development, the daily stated, could trigger severe reaction from the international community and hold a potential opening for a political dialogue for the settlement of the Afghan-US crisis.

"Soon after landing from a helicopter, they were captured by the tribesmen who demanded 100,000 dollars for their release, it continued.

"A correspondent from Bulgaria managed to contact his country on satellite to inform that they were being kept in bad shape."

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** AFGHANISTAN. The radio running on optimism

Patrick Cockburn meets the broadcaster who is determined to keep fellow Afghans informed 23 October 2001

A year ago, Mohammed Ezedyar Alam abandoned the radio station that he was running in northern Afghanistan and fled for his life, when the town from which he was broadcasting was captured by the Taliban. Now, Mr Alam, a gaunt 38-year-old with a slightly harassed manner, is back on the air after starting a new station called the Voice of Peace. Its name reflects Mr Alam's aspirations for the future rather than current reality. Its broadcasts are almost entirely devoted to war, and, to his embarrassment, the station is temporarily housed inside a military barracks in the village of Jabal Saraj.

There is no doubt that in Afghanistan, radio is king as a source of information. There are no newspapers or television. People are desperately eager for information. They feel, rightly, that the next few weeks will determine their future and the future of Afghanistan.

In the dusty streets of the villages held by the opposition, there is usually at least one man with his ear pressed to a radio. A silent crowd often collects around him, listening intently to the news. The most popular stations are the BBC, Voice of America and German radio, all broadcasting in Dari, a language akin to Iranian, as well as Radio Iran.

Mr Alam, working with a staff of 15, has been on the air for just a week, but already local people speak highly of his broadcasts, which go out for one and a half hours twice a day. "I think that the best news is on Voice of Peace," said a soldier in camouflage uniform who was buying a radio in a small shop.

The day we spoke, the main news on the radio was about the opposition advance on Mazar-i-Sharif, the largest city of northern Afghanistan. Mr Alam, who knows the city well, drew us a small map indicating the main lines of advance by General Rashid Dostum and his deputy, Ata Mohammed. He said: "Our other items were about the bombardment of Kabul, 150 Taliban defecting, and [former Afghan] King Zahir."

Mr Alam's career as a radio journalist has required some rapid changes of location. Last year, he was chased out of the north-eastern town of Taleqon when the Taliban took it. A little earlier, they had briefly taken Charikar, north of Kabul, where Mr Alam was previously based, and had destroyed all his station's equipment before they withdrew.

For the moment, the range of Voice of Peace is limited, but Mr Alam hopes that, by putting a new antenna on a nearby mountain top, he will soon be able to broadcast to Kabul. US bombers have destroyed

Radio Shariat, the main Afghan station, and only a few provincial Taliban radios are still operating.

Mr Alam's radio has also just broadcast a fascinating scoop. It reports that in retaliation for the US and British air strikes, the Taliban have banned the teaching of English in Afghanistan, and ordered all English language schools be closed. Those who continue to teach English will be severely punished.

Despite the Taliban's suspicion of educational establishments in general, there has been a keen appetite to learn English, even in small villages, among Afghan students who believe that knowledge of the language is necessary for emigration. Small private schools have flourished.

The Taliban's action against English is in keeping with its tradition of banning cultural phenomena of which it disapproves. When it captured Kabul in 1996, it immediately prohibited television, video, satellite TV and music, along with all games including football and even kite-flying - a favourite pastime in Afghanistan. Some Taliban militants even strangled songbirds, often kept as pets, deeming them to be a distraction from religion (Independent, UK, via Daniel Say and Mike Cooper, Oct 23, DXLD) WTFK!!??

** ALASKA. Some DXers may remember the closure of KGEI San Francisco and know about the fate of the 50 kW short wave transmitter which was transferred to Radio ELWA, but then destroyed in the Liberian civil wars. The 250 kW was sold to Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls and then said to have been resold for use in Alaska. Finally, I was able to find someone who could provide an address for "Aurora Communications". It seems, that the actual sign on of the planned station is still far away:

"Dear Dr. Biener,
Your letter was very encouraging to see the effort you have made to reach us. Thank you for your letter and your interest in short wave radio broadcasting. Yes, we are in the processes of building a radio station in Alaska, but we are unable to give you any information other then we will be broadcast to Russia, China and Australia.

This Christian Radio Station in Alaska is being build by faith, and only by our volunteers during the summer months. Therefore I am unable to predict when it will go on the air.

Alexander Kozned, President Aurora Communications International, Inc., P.O. Box 1300, Belmont CA, U.S.A. 94002"
(via Dr Hansjˆrg Biener, 23 October 2001, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. RA in English B-01: Shepparton 100 kW u.o.s.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0000-0130 | As/Eur | 17775 | (Darwin 250 kW) |
| 0000-0900 | As | 15415 | |
| 0000-0900 | Pac | 12080 | (Brandon 10 kW), 17580 |
| 0000-0800 | PNG/Pac | 15240 | |
| 0000-0800 | PNG | 9660 | (Brandon 10 kW) |
| 0030-0400 | As | 17750 | |
| 0100-0900 | As/PNG | 21725 | |
| 0200-0700 | Pac/NAm | 15515 | |
| 0530-0800 | As/Eur | 17750 | |
| 0700-0900 | Pac/NAm | 15240 | |
| 0800-0900 | PNG/Japan | 9580, 9710 | |
| 0800-1100 | Pac/NAm | 9580 | |
| 0900-1400 | As/Eur | 21820 | |
| 0930-1100 | As/Eur | 17750 | |
| 1100-1400 | As | 9475 | |
| 1100-1400 | PNG/Pac | 6020 | |
| 1100-2130 | Pac/NAm | 9580 | |
| 1100-1700 | Pac/NAm | 11650 | |
| 1400-1800 | PNG/Pac | 5995 | |
| 1400-1800 | As | 6080 | |
| 1530-1900 | As/Eur | 9475 | |
| 1700-2200 | Pac/NAm | 11880 | |
| 1800-2000 | PNG | 6080 | |
| | PNG/Pac | 7240 | |
| 1900-2130 | As/Eur | 9500 | |
| 2100-2200 | PNG/Pac | 7240 | |
| 2100-0000 | PNG | 9660 | (BBC WS 2200-2300) (Brandon 10 kW) |
| | Pac | 12080 | (BBC WS 2200-2300) (Brandon 10 kW) |
| | Pac/NAm | 17715 | |
| 2100-0100 | Pac/NAm | 21740 | |
| 2200-0000 | As/Eur | 13620 | (Darwin 250 kW) |
| | | 15230 | |
| 2200-0200 | Pac | 17795 | |

(RA via Irkutsk DX Club via DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. Austrian Broadcasting Corporation (ORF) Frequency Management (Ernst Vranka) Tel. +43-1-87878-12629; Fax +43-1-87878-12773. B-01:

| kHz | UTC | | CIRAF ZONES | kW | Azimuth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5945 | 1800 | 2315 | 18,27-29,37-39 | 100 | 0 |
| 5945 | 2000 | 2030 | 37-39 | 100 | 220 * |
| 6155 | 0500 | 2315 | 18,27-29,37-39 | 300 | 0 |
| 7325 | 0200 | 0300 | 4,6-9 | 300 | 305 |
| 9870 | 0100 | 0200 | 10-13 | 300 | 275 |
| 13730 | 0500 | 0800 | 17-19,27-29,36-40 | 100 | 130 |

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13730 0800 1200 17-19,27-29,36-40       100 190
13730 1200 1800 17-19,27-29,36-40       100 250
13730 0000 0100 12-16                   300 245
17640 1500 1600 46-48,52,53,57          300 180
17815 1100 1200 46-48,52,53,57          100 180
17855 1300 1400 40,41,49,50,54,55,58-60 500 90
17865 1600 1700 6,7,10             SAC  250 272
17870 0600 0700 39,40                   100 115
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(ORF via Irkutsk DX Club via DXLD)
All sites are Moosbrunn, Austria except 17865 Sackville, Canada;
*all are 7 days a week except 5945 at 2000-2030, days 1 and 6 only

** BRAZIL. Re DXLD 1-156: O hor·rio de encerramento da R·dio Senado È 2300 hora local (1100 PM), como estamos no Hor·rio de Ver„o, 0100 UTC. 73 (Samuel C·ssio, Brazil, Oct 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. CRI na GuaÌba: A GuaÌba vai transmitir a programaÁ„o da R·dio Internacional da China. Acordo, nesse sentido, foi assinado pelo Diretor da emissora, Carlos Bastos Ribeiro, e o vice-presidente da estatal chinesa, Kong Lingbao. O representante da CRI destacou que o objetivo do acordo È divulgar notÌcias de interesses econÙmicos, sociais e econÙmicos da China. A R·dio GuaÌba j· transmite, em sua programaÁ„o, produÁıes da Voz da Alemanha, R·dio Nederland, Voz da R˙ssia, ServiÁo em PortuguÍs Para a ¡frica da Voz da AmÈrica, R·dio Vaticano, entre outras. Confira, aos domingos, a partir das 1000 UTC, em 720, 6000 e 11785 kHz, no "Mundo na GuaÌba", com apresentaÁ„o de Rui Strelow (CÈlio Romais, Oct 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. Winter schedule of Radio Varna on short waves ("Hello, sea"/"Zdravey, more"): 2200 Sunday-0400 Monday on NF 9800 VAR 100 kW / non-dir, ex 9955 (Observer, Bulgaria, Oct 23 via DXLD)

** CANADA. RCI again: Yes, I guessed the idea of 3.955 MHz, might stir a 'hornet's nest' or two. Thanks for the info though that it is not possible from Hˆrby, presume matching aerial farm would be too big!! I still think we MIGHT yet find HORBY doing duty for the winter on 5.995 MHz and that the whole thing started with a simple error.

Anybody any ideas about Media Zone Saturdays RCI 9.770 Ex Sackville (I think this one IS correct) 2200-2229:30? (Ken Fletcher, 23rd October 2001 1832 UT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RCI`s swap usage of Hˆrby is already accounted for in retargeted 11 MHz frequencies, as already pointed out some issues ago. Would appreciate people keeping up with what has already been published in DXLD, before raising discussion points again. Media Zone has already started airing, with this info at rcinet.ca and take-your-pick audio links to it. Don`t expect it to be a `DX` program! And don`t expect

to get a readout of all the times it is really scheduled from RCI`s wacky schedule engine. However, the listing of current features audio links shows different days of the week than the Hotbird/Internet version previously cited: Mon Media Zone; Tue Maple Leaf Mailbag; Wed Spotlight (arts); Thu Business Sense; Fri Canada and the World (each also repeating on weekends) (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) viz.:

Media Zone, hosted by Ian Jones, is a weekly forum where Canadian journalists meet to express their ideas about topical issues facing Canadians.

Monday, October 22
CANADIAN MEDIA & THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM

This week on Media Zone host Ian Jones and his guest panel will discuss how the Canadian media is representing the so-called war against terrorism. Is the Canadian media suppressing voices who disagree with the US bombing campaign? How should the Canadian media deal with propaganda? And is the Canadian media involved in unnecessary fear mongering? Joining Ian this week are Globe and Mail newspaper columnists Rick Salutin and Paul Knox, and longtime CBC journalist Bernard St. Laurent

Listen:
http://www.rcinet.ca/realaudio/32/EN/MZ/MZ-22102001.ram or
http://www.rcinet.ca/realaudio/16/EN/MZ/MZ-22102001.ram
(via gh, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. AOL Time Warner is taking Chinese state television into American homes in a deal announced October 21 that makes the company the first foreign broadcaster given direct access to Chinese audiences. AOL Time Warner (AOL) said broadcasts of its Chinese-language CETV channel would begin next year on cable systems in Guangdong province in southern China, bordering Hong Kong.

In turn, AOL Time Warner will carry CCTV-9, an English-language news and information channel of state network China Central Television, on its cable systems in New York, Houston and Los Angeles on a 24-hour basis. CCTV currently is shown in the United States only in programming blocks.... (from AP, Reuters, via SCDX/MediaScan Oct 23 via DXLD)

Previous report said CCTV would be on *all* AOL-Time Warner cable systems in USA. That`s more like it (gh, DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. Dear Friends, Due to continuing clashes on now both 15050 and 15045, we have moved to 15040 24 hours a day for a trial period of three days effective immediately. Please monitor this

frequency for any interference and drop us a note with your findings. Many thanks! 73, (RFPI Oct 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA [and non]. - PEACE STUDIES AND PEACE JOURNALISM

Radio For Peace International and the International Center for Human Rights in Media present a 10 week study course dealing with social justice, human rights, ethics in journalism, history of racism and xenophobia in media, researching and documenting intolerance in media, researching and preparing articles for publication, radio and news production with elective Spanish language training. Students live with a Costa Rican host family. Four overnight excursions, special activities included. Session start dates for 2002: Jan 6, March 24, June 9, September 1. Contact: IPC, SBO 66, P.O. Box 025292, Miami, FL 33102. Tel: +506-205-9092, FAX: +506-249-1095
http://www.rfpi.org/ipc.html

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP ON RACISM IN MEDIA

A two day workshop presented at your location by the International Center for Human Rights in Media dealing with extreme hate groups (Nazis, skinheads, white supremacists, violent homophobes, etc.), their use of media and the internet to proliferate their messages of hate internationally, the provocation of violence and terrorism resulting from hate and intolerance, and how individuals, communities and educators can respond. For more information on how to bring this workshop to your college, university, organization or community contact Gilbert Carmichael, Tel: +506-205-9092, FAX: +506-249-1095, e-mail: info@rfpi.org
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Radio For Peace International, PO Box 88, Santa Ana, Costa Rica, Central America --- info@rfpi.org --- http://www.rfpi.org
On-demand RealAudio: http://www.rfpi.org/webcast.html
Live Webcast (MP3 format): http://www.boinklabs.com/ifpi.html
(Rfpi-announce mailing list Oct 23 via DXLD)

** FINLAND. RADIO FINLAND (DIGITA) B01

| FREQ | STRT | STOP | CIRAF ZONES | POWR | AZIMUTH | SLW | ANT | DAYS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6055 | 0630 | 0700 | 27 | 250 | 220 | 0 | 800 | |
| 6095 | 0300 | 0500 | 29 | 250 | 130 | 0 | 800 | |
| 6120 | 0500 | 2300 | 18,27,28 | 100 | 240 | 0 | 711 | |
| 6120 | 1700 | 2300 | 27,28 | 250 | 220 | 0 | 146 | |
| 6135 | 1600 | 1700 | 29 | 250 | 130 | 0 | 800 | |
| 6180 | 0800 | 0900 | 19,29 | 250 | 80 | 0 | 800 | 1,7* |
| 6190 | 2000 | 2100 | 29 | 250 | 130 | 0 | 800 | |
| 9510 | 0700 | 0900 | 27,36,54-56,58-60 | 500 | 240 | 0 | 211 | |

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| 9560 | 0730 | 0800 | 27,28,36 | 250 | 220 | 0 | 800 |
| 9600 | 1400 | 1600 | 29,30 | 250 | 130 | 0 | 800 |
| 9630 | 1500 | 1600 | 27,28,36 | 250 | 225 | -15 | 211 |
| 9630 | 1700 | 2000 | 27,28,36 | 250 | 225 | -15 | 211 |
| 9715 | 0530 | 0600 | 4,7-9 | 500 | 325 | 15 | 218 |
| 9745 | 0500 | 0630 | 29 | 250 | 130 | 0 | 800 |
| 9775 | 0200 | 0300 | 12-14 | 500 | 240 | 0 | 211 |
| 9775 | 0200 | 0300 | 6-9 | 500 | 310 | 0 | 218 |
| 9745 | 0500 | 0630 | 38-40 | 500 | 175 | 15 | 211 |
| 9730 | 2330 | 2345 | 43,44,50,59 | 500 | 90 | 15 | 218 |
| 11800 | 1400 | 1500 | 43,44 | 500 | 90 | 15 | 218 |
| 11755 | 0500 | 0600 | 28S,38,39 | 500 | 175 | 15 | 218 |
| 11755 | 0600 | 2100 | 27,28,36 | 250 | 220 | 0 | 146 |
| 11755 | 1200 | 1300 | 28S | 250 | 175 | 15 | 211 |
| 11755 | 1500 | 1700 | 28S | 250 | 175 | 15 | 211 |
| 13690 | 1400 | 1500 | 39-41 | 500 | 130 | -30 | 218 |
| 12010 | 2330 | 2345 | 43,44,49 | 500 | 90 | 15 | 218 |
| 12035 | 0200 | 0300 | 4,7-9 | 500 | 325 | 15 | 218 |
| 13755 | 1030 | 1300 | 27,28,36 | 500 | 225 | -15 | 211 |
| 15400 | 1300 | 1400 | 4,7-9,11 | 500 | 310 | 0 | 218 |
| 15400 | 1630 | 1900 | 4,7-9,11 | 500 | 325 | 15 | 218 |
| 15520 | 1700 | 1800 | 38,48,53,57 | 500 | 175 | 15 | 218 |
| 17670 | 0900 | 1000 | 30-33 | 500 | 75 | 0 | 218 |
| 17660 | 1300 | 1400 | 4,7-9,11 | 500 | 310 | 0 | 218 |
| 21670 | 0700 | 0930 | 43,44,50,55 | 500 | 75 | 0 | 218 |
| 21800 | 1000 | 1200 | 43,44,55 | 500 | 90 | 15 | 218 |
| 21800 | 1200 | 1300 | 12-14 | 500 | 240 | 0 | 218 |
| 21810 | 1700 | 1800 | 38,48,53,57 | 500 | 175 | 15 | 218 |

[* seven days a week except for this single entry; all from Pori site -gh] (Irkutsk DX Club via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. LATIN AMERICA

FLEETCOM --- Roger Bunney, who reviews news feeds and similar services on European satellites for "What Satellite TV", has discovered something amazing on the American military's Fleetcom satellites, which relay uplinked communications from ships in the 300 MHz band and downlink them around 50 MHz lower. Roger has discovered signals from South American broadcast radio stations, with studio-transmitter links on around 300 MHz, which are being picked up by mistake by Fleetcom satellites and then relayed to Europe. He's using a log periodic antenna to check out reported satellite positions (the exact positions are secret, but one he's tried is 20 degrees West) and a scanner to monitor 245-270 MHz, to hear stations such as Radio Buenaventura in Colombia on 269.74 MHz. Other South American program links have been heard on 241.835, 253.620, and 254.102 MHz ("What Satellite TV" via SCDX/MediaScan Oct 23 via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. I did a simple search on ["Jupiter" + "MHz"] on Yahoo and came up with dozens of references to shortwave emissions from Jupiter. A few of the most useful appeared to be:
http://www.radiosky.com/rjcentral.html and
http://www.elmag5.com/jupiter-io.htm and
http://www.spacescience.com/headlines/y2000/ast22may_1.htm?list
Hope these are useful. Good listening! (Ken Alexander, ODXA via DXLD)

The RF emissions from Jupiter are not restricted to a single frequency. Typically a frequency of 18 MHz is used as a good starting point to listen but the signal can be picked up over several MHz above and below that. The limiting factor is the condition of our ionosphere. If the degree of ionization is such that terrestrial signals at the chosen frequency are propagated then you will not be able to hear Jupiter as the signal will not penetrate the ionosphere. Therefore listening for Jupiter is more typically done later in the evening/early in the morning when the MUF has dropped below 18 MHz. One can pick up signals from Jupiter with normally used antennae such a long wires but more useful would be a dedicated antenna such as a yagi, crossed yagi, helical, etc. tuned to around 18 MHz and pointed at Jupiter. Oh yes, the other limitation is that Jupiter must, of course, be above the horizon, preferably the higher the better. The signal from Jupiter sounds like waves crashing (John Hudak, Oct 23, ibid.)

** ISLE OF MAN. Re Kai Ludwig`s remarks in DXLD 1-156:
From Paul Rusling CEO of the MusicMan project at
http://www.offshore-radio.de/ the following was posted a few weeks ago. The Chris Carey project is not connected to the MusicMan project (DXLD has carried this report before). Hope this clarifies matters. Regards (Mike Terry, UK, DXLD) See DXLD 1-147 (gh)

** MALAYSIA. Since I don't remember anyone referring to this lately, I'd like to point out that Voice of Malaysia (and Suara Islam) has web site at: http://www.rtm.net.my/radio/vom/
The background of front page pictures the twin towers of Kuala Lumpur - the Petronas Towers, the tallest buildings of the world. 73 de (Pentti Lintuj%rvi, Finland, Oct 23, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. R. Gardarika starting on October 28: 2000-2230 UT daily on 5920 kHz (Mikhail Timofeyev, St. Petersburg, Oct 23, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** SAN MARINO. I would like to provide precise information regarding the matter of Radio San Marino, the new technological radio broadcasting only through Internet at http://www.radiosanmarino.sm and satellite, on Hot Bird 2, 13 east, 12091 H.

First of all I would like to apologize for my very poor English... you know, I'm a self-taught... then I would like to explain to you who I am, and something about our radio station, Radio San Marino. My name`s Morena and my work is to "take care" about all that we broadcast over Europe and throughout Internet: I'm the director of the transmissions, the one who's got the responsibility for what's on the air...

The radio is owned by a group of private citizens that wished for their old dream to come true (one of those people -Mr. Maurizio Faetanini- was the owner of Radio Titano that stopped its transmissions in 1993). So the radio was born, just about six months agoÖ You can find everything about and any information about our programmes in Radio San Marino's home page at this address:
http://www.radiosanmarino.sm
Best regards (Morena Salvatori, Oct 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. RADIO SWEDEN --- Coming up on Radio Sweden:

Tuesday October 23, a feature on the recent Beer Festival in Stockholm
Wednesday October 24, United Nations Day, Sami rights, and business news in "Money Matters"
Thursday October 25, the "S-Files" profiles Sweden's candy cane capital, and recounts the story of "Whisky on the Rocks".
Saturday October 27, Studio 49
Sunday October 28, repeat edition of "Sounds Nordic" featuring the Cardigans' Nina Persson on her new solo album
(George Wood, SCDX/MediaScan Oct 23 via DXLD)

** SWITZERLAND. Here`s what will be left of SRI on SW from Oct 28:

NEAR EAST & AFRICA:
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SHORT-WAVE:

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0600-0630 : F : JUL 9885   JUL 13635   SOT 17665
0630-0700 : G :      !           !           !
0700-0730 : I :      !           !           !
0730-0800 : E :      !           !           !

0830-0900 : E : SOT 21770
0900-0930 : I :      !
0930-1000 : G :      !
1000-1030 : F :      !

1630-1700 : I : JUL 9605   JUL 13790   SOT 15555
1700-1730 : A :      !           !           !
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1730-1800 : E :      !           !           !
1800-1815 : F :      !           !           !

1830-1900 : I : JUL 9605   SOT 13660   JUL 15485   MSY 17660
1900-1930 : A :      !           !           !           !
1930-2030 : E :      !           !           !           !
2030-2100 : G :      !           !           !           !
2100-2130 : F :      !           !           !           !
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SOUTH AMERICA:
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SHORT-WAVE:

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2200-2230 : F : SOT  9885   MSY 11660
2230-2300 : G :       !           !
2300-2330 : I :       !           !
2330-2400 : E :       !           !
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Swissinfo/Swiss Radio International (via HB9RHV via Richard Buckby & Family, shortwavelistening yahoogroup Oct 23 via DXLD)

** TIBET [and non]. Voice of Tibet. I have been monitoring for The Foundation for the Voice of Tibet for a number of years and the Chinese have been getting more and more ruthless in their jamming. The VOT unlike VOA or BBC who wouldn't change frequencies in the face of jamming, changes frequencies to avoid the jamming. A couple of years ago it took the Chinese anything from a week to 10 days to find the new frequency and the first day it came one we moved. However, the Chinese appear to have gone in for new jamming equipment last year and even have better guys on the job. Now they find the frequency within a few minutes of the station coming up.

The VOT has been found transmitting in Tibetan at 1215-1245 and in Chinese 1245-1300. You can look for them between 15600-15750, 17500-17900 and 21500-21600. The jamming used are of three different types. Strong noise jammers, distorted Chinese domestic service, and cochanneling with the CPBS minority service and Chinese services. The VOT Tuning signal is quite exotic (G.V.A. Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, Oct 22, 2001 in DXplorer-ML via CRW via DXLD)

** TURKEY. VOT B-01:

ENGLISH
0400-0450 6020*, 7240
1330-1420 17690, 17815
1930-2020 7125
2130-2220 9525
2300-2350 9655*, 9830

[* = believed to be for NAm, as previously -gh]

SPANISH
1730-1755 11670

TURKISH
0500-0755 17690
0500-0955 11925, 17570
0500-1655 11955, 15350
0800-2155 9460
1000-1255 21715
1100-1555 17860 Fri only
1300-1655 17745
1700-2255 5980, 9560
1700-0455 6120
1800-2255 6185
2200-0755 9460
2300-0455 7300
(Observer, Bulgaria, Oct 23 via DXLD; only three languages excerpted by gh)

** U K. Inaccuracies in the BBCWS schedule have been repeatedly noted in DXLD, but you would think, almost six weeks after the attacks, that BBCWS could at least post on its Web site a schedule that reflects the increased news output. I just tuned in (at 1430 UT Tuesday) to hear "Top 20." Instead, I hear news headlines, News From Britain and sports news is said to be coming in a few minutes. Us opinion-formers and decision-makers haven't got time for this malarkey. Why do I even bother to try to listen to a broadcaster that treats its listeners with such disdain? (Mike Cooper, Oct 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. Here's my take of the BBCWS schedule effective 28 October 2001 likely to be audible in North America. As always, your experiences may differ from those speculated here. Other frequencies targeting other regions may also be useful.

Frequency start-end notes (transmitter location)

5975 2100-0600 a,b (Antigua)
6135 0400-0600 (USA)
6195 1000-1400 c (Antigua)
9915 0000-0300 (UK)
9525 0100-0400 (USA)
11675 2115-2130 a (Antigua)
11680 2130-2145 d (Ascension)
12095 2100-0300 e (Ascension)
15190 0900-1100 e,f (Ascension)

15190 1100-1700 c (Antigua)
15220 1200-1700 c,e (Antigua)
17790 1100-1130 e (Ascension)

a - Caribbean Report 2115-2130 M-F
b - Beamed to South America only, 0500-0600
c - Caribbean programming 1100-1120 and 1200-1215 M-F
d - Falklands programming Tu, F only
e - Beamed to South America, may be audible in North America
f - 1000-1100 Sat-Sun only

(Richard Cuff,  Allentown, PA,, Oct 23, swprograms via DXLD)

Main difference in the above to the info from Merlin previously in DXLD: 15190 was supposedly carrying both NAm and SAm beams, instead of one on 15220, one on 15190. Which will it really be? (gh, DXLD)

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WALTER CRONKITE HOSTS PUBLIC RADIO DOCUMENTARIES ON RUSSIA ---
Programs Offer In-depth Look Ten Years After the Collapse of the Soviet Union ----

October 16, 2001, San Francisco, California

Veteran CBS television journalist Walter Cronkite hosts two public radio documentaries to be distributed to NPR stations in early December 2001. The documentaries are part of THE RUSSIA PROJECT, a public radio and on-line initiative looking at Russia ten years after the fall of communism.

One documentary, "Can This Be Democracy?" will focus on the role of hard-line Islamic political forces in Chechnya, the fate of Soviet dissidents, chaos in the Russian military, and how some in Russia are cloning the extremes of American culture.

The second documentary, "10 Years After the Soviet Collapse" uses the experiences of five ordinary Russian people to provide a mirror of the new Russia.

THE RUSSIA PROJECT is being produced in association with KQED Public Radio, San Francisco.  The project is made possible by the Stanley Foundation. For more information about THE RUSSIA PROJECT, go on-line to: http://RussiaProject.org/

For more information on THE STANLEY FOUNDATION, go on-line to: http://stanleyfdn.org/

For more information on KQED Public Radio, San Francisco, go on-line to: http://www.kqed.org/radio/ Or, contact:

Ken Mills, KEN MILLS AGENCY, 1635 Kelly Drive, Minneapolis, MN 55427 http://kenmillsagency.com/ (763) 513-9988 (voice); (763) 513-1689; (fax); publicradio@hotmail.com (e-mail) (Ken Mills, Oct 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. AFN Feeder Broadcasts: I just got off the phone with the Navy Media Center in Washington and they have passed along an update to the current schedules for the US Navy AFN broadcast on their website and NPR. They indicate that the NPR broadcast schedule isn't correct and made a correction to their schedule for the Guam broadcast. So below is the new accurate schedule for AFN shortwave transmissions. They did indicate that the switchover from night to day, etc. is based on local time at the transmitter site.

| Location | Band | Daytime | Nighttime |
|---|---|---|---|
| Key West, FL | Upper Sideband | 12689.5 kHz | 12689.5 kHz |
| RR, Puerto Rico | Upper Sideband | 6458.5 kHz | 6458.5 kHz |
| Sigonella, Sicily | Upper Sideband | 4993 kHz | 10940.5 kHz |
| Guam (Barrigada) | Upper Sideband | 13362.0 kHz | 5765.0 kHz |
| Diego GarcÌa | Upper Sideband | 12579 kHz | 4319 kHz |
| Hawai`i | Upper Sideband | 10320 kHz | 6350 kHz |

They also indicate that the QSL@mediacen.navy.mil email address is still good for reception reports to get their QSL letter for the AFN broadcast. And now you have the rest of the story. ;-) 73 all and good hunting, (Larry Van Horn, N5FPW, Monitoring Times Assistant Editor, WUN Government/Military Columnist, etc., Oct 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Glenn, I was wondering if you had an idea what the Oriental broadcast is on 6265 kHz? At 1100 UT on October 23, 2001, noted a woman in comments. Language could be Chinese but not certain. Some music was presented and it was also Oriental. Sounded like Chinese music, but I am not an expert on Oriental music or anything else Oriental. Actually there seems to be two signals on this frequency both Asian. The stronger of the two is described above however. Thanks (Chuck Bolland, chuckb@us-it.net http://www.orchidcitysoftware.com/ Oct 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ####